



January 23, 2003

Mr. Dan McCormac, Chief  
Energy and Water Division  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Dear Mr. McCormac:

Atmos Energy Corporation herewith submits for filing and approval 2nd Revised Sheet No. 56 applicable to all Tennessee service areas. This revised tariff sheet changes the definition of interest rate in section 3.5.

Your review and approval of this revision to become effective March 1, 2003 is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

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Senior Analyst  
Rate Administration

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## GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS (Continued)

The Company shall promptly refund or credit the deposit, with interest as provided in this service regulation, and may require the surrender of the Customer's receipt of certificate of deposit properly endorsed, or the delivery of a cancellation receipt for such deposit, whenever:

- (a) The Customer establishes credit by other means; or
- (b) The service is discontinued and the bills therefore are paid in full; or
- (c) The service is discontinued and there are charges due (including construction charges related to main extensions) to the Company for service to the Customer, in which case the cash deposit plus any accrued interest will be applied to the payment of such charges, and the balance remaining of the deposit and interest, if any, will be returned to the Customer. When the deposit is applied to the liquidation of unpaid bills, the Company will mail or deliver to the Customer a statement showing the amount of the original deposit, including accrued interest if any, the amount of the unpaid bills liquidated by the deposit; and the balance remaining due either to the Customer or to the Company.

In either case and in any event, if there is a balance due the Customer when service is discontinued, it shall then be promptly and automatically refunded to the Customer.

Commercial/Industrial Customer Deposits

Commercial and Industrial Customer deposits and applicable interest, less any amounts owing the Company by the Customer, will be refunded by the Company when the customer's account is closed.

3.5 Interest to be Accrued on Deposits

Simple interest at a rate equal to the arithmetic mean (to the nearest one-hundredth of one percent) of the prime rate value published in the "Federal Reserve Bulletin" or in the Federal Reserve's "Selected Interest Rates" for the 4th, 3rd, and 2nd months preceding the 1st month of the calendar quarter will be paid by the Company on all deposits made for the purpose of establishing credit; but in no case will interest be accrued for a period extending beyond the date of refund or the date service is terminated, whichever date is earlier. No interest will be paid on deposits held for a period of less than six (6) months.

3.6 Payment of Interest Accruals

Interest accruing on cash deposits will be computed and prompt settlement made:

- (a) By paying the amount of interest accrued on the demand of the Customer, but not more often than once in any 12 month period; or